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BLACK SHEEP, SCOUNDRELS, WEIRDOS: PETER QUILL--A.K.A. STAR-LORD--DRAX THE DESTROYER, GAMORA, ROCKET RACCOON, AND GROOT LEARNED TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN INTERESTS, THEN DISCOVERED THEY COULD NOT STAND BY WHEN THE UNIVERSE WAS IN PERIL. THEY HAVE NO OFFICIAL JURISDICTION, BUT IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE (OR YOU'VE GOT A LINE ON A SCORE) IN THE MILKY WAY, YOU CAN CALL THE...

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GUARDIANS of the GALAXY



in
"Shattered"

THE GUARDIANS REUNITED FOR ONE LAST SCORE, BUT WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A SIMPLE SMASH-AND-GRAB QUICKLY DEVOLVED - LEAVING THE TEAM CAUGHT IN A CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO ELDERS OF THE UNIVERSE.

ROCKET IS LETHALLY POISONED DURING A SHI'AR RAID, AND QUILL RACED TO SECURE AN ANTIDOTE - UNFORTUNATELY LOSING THE SET OF NEGA-BANDS THEY WERE TRANSPORTING IN THE PROCESS. UNABLE TO ASSIST, GROOT STOOD ASIDE HELPLESSLY, HIS SMALL SIZE BECOMING MORE AND MORE OF A HINDRANCE AS THE GUARDIANS FLY FURTHER INTO DANGER. AND WHILE NO ONE ON THE MILANO CAN FIGURE OUT WHY GROOT ISN'T GROWING, ACROSS THE GALAXY A STRANGE HOODED FIGURE MAY HAVE THE ANSWER...

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THERE SHE IS--THE STOHLAD RING. A REMOTE MEGA-CITY FLOATING AROUND A DYING STAR.



IT'S A NICE PLACE FOR A THIEVES' DEN.

I AM GROOT!

CAN'T BELIEVE I'VE NEVER TAKEN YOU HERE BEFORE.

THE "EXTRA-LEGAL" MARKET WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS JUST A SHORT WALK THIS WAY. THEY HAVE EVERYTHING!

I AM GROOT?

YOU KNOW WHAT? I NEVER SEEN THAT.

HUH.

WEIRDO.



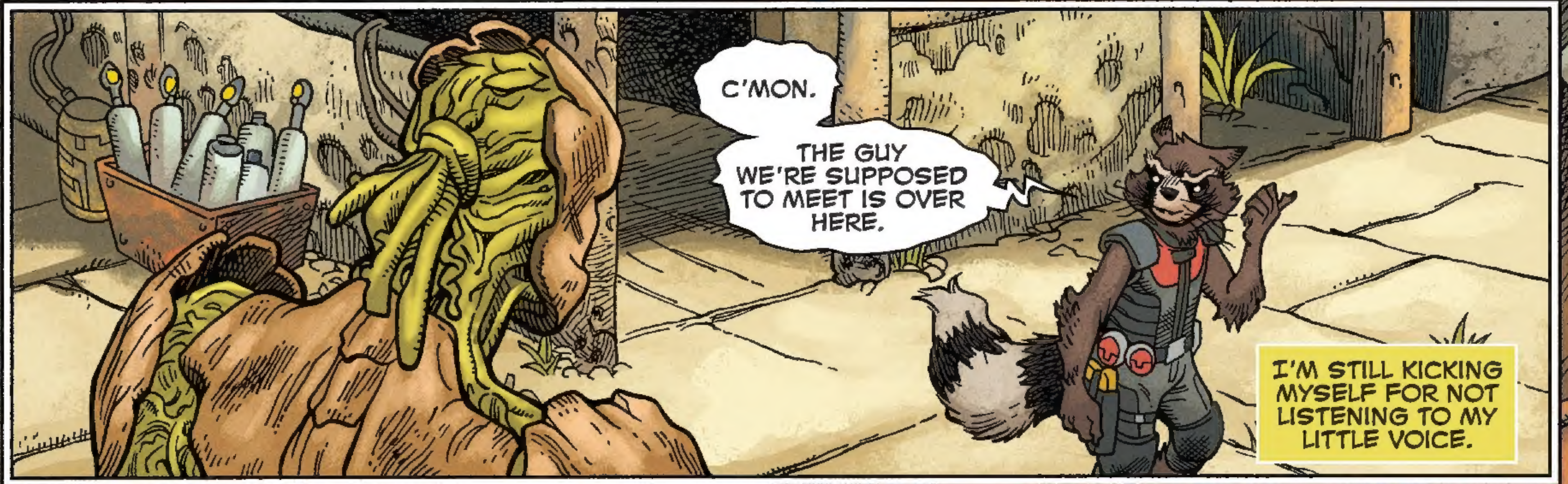


WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

I AM GROOT!

HA. NOT LIKELY. *I'D* REMEMBER THEM.

I LEARNED A LONG TIME AGO THAT WHEN YOU'RE ON A JOB, AND SOMETHIN' SPOOKS YOU--THAT'S WHEN TO WALK AWAY.



C'MON.

THE GUY WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET IS OVER HERE.

I'M STILL KICKING MYSELF FOR NOT LISTENING TO MY LITTLE VOICE.



BUT I NEEDED THE INFORMATION, SO I PUSHED MY ANXIETY ASIDE AND PUT ON MY GAME FACE.

HEY, MESSIHI!

HOW'S YOUR MA?

DID SHE ENJOY THE CRABS I GAVE HER?



SHE'S FEELING MUCH BETTER, THANK YOU FOR ASKING, AND YES, SHE LOVED THE CRUSTACEANS YOU SENT FROM EARTH. SO HARD TO GET OUT HERE.

WHEN SHE TOLD ME YOU SENT THEM, I KNEW YOU WERE BUTTERING ME UP FOR A BIG ASK.



NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DESIRE THE LAYOUT OF THE VAULT ON CITIOPIA FOR, AND I DON'T CARE.

BUT IF YOU TRY TO TAKE THAT SCORE...



...THEN THIS WILL BE MY LAST CHANCE TO SAY FAREWELL.

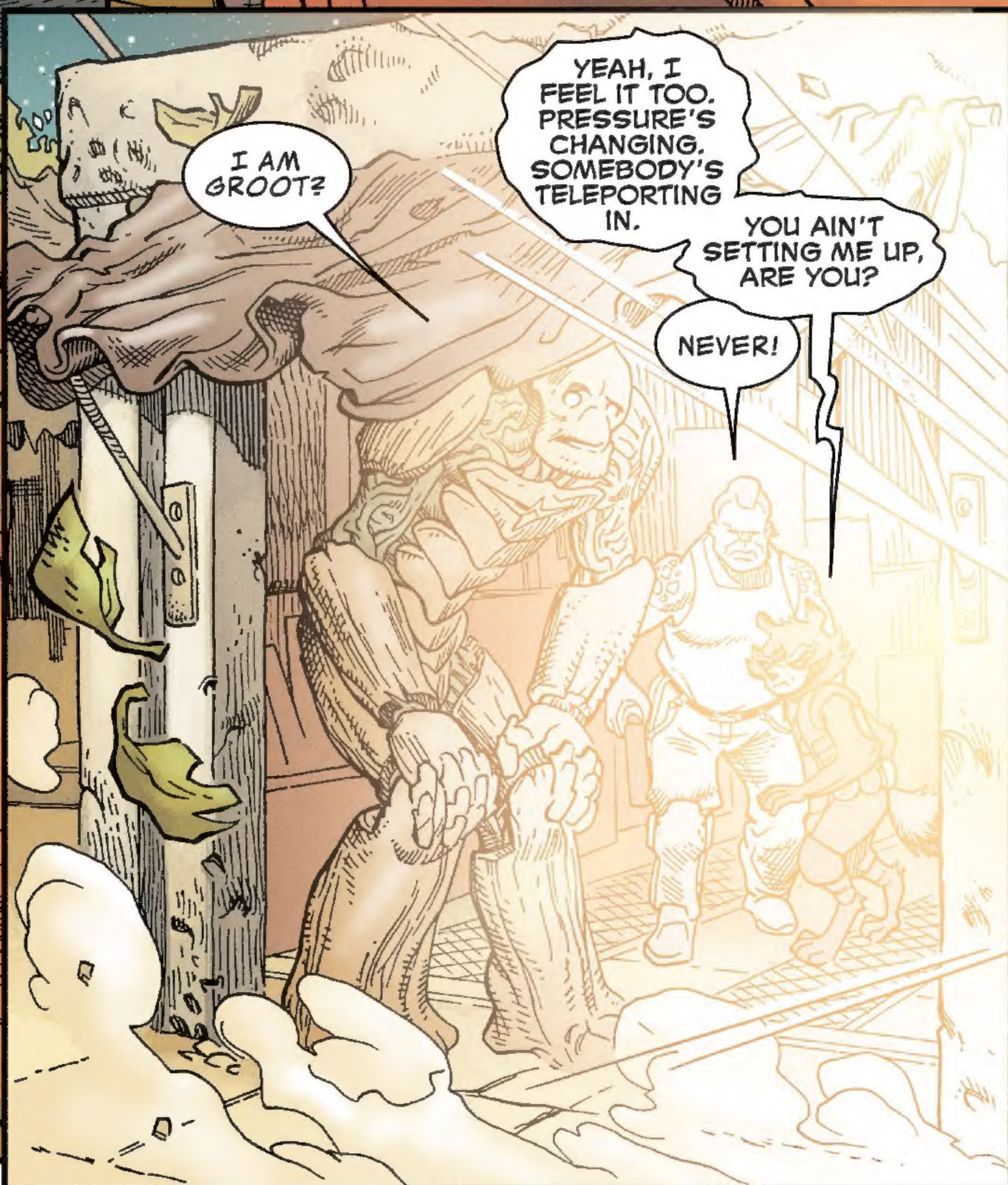
I'M TOUCHED.



YOUR CREDITS. AND WHO KNOWS? I MAY BE BACK HERE IN A LITTLE WHILE WITH SOME "SECONDHAND GOODS" THAT YOU CAN SELL FOR ME.

HA. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

I AM GROOT!

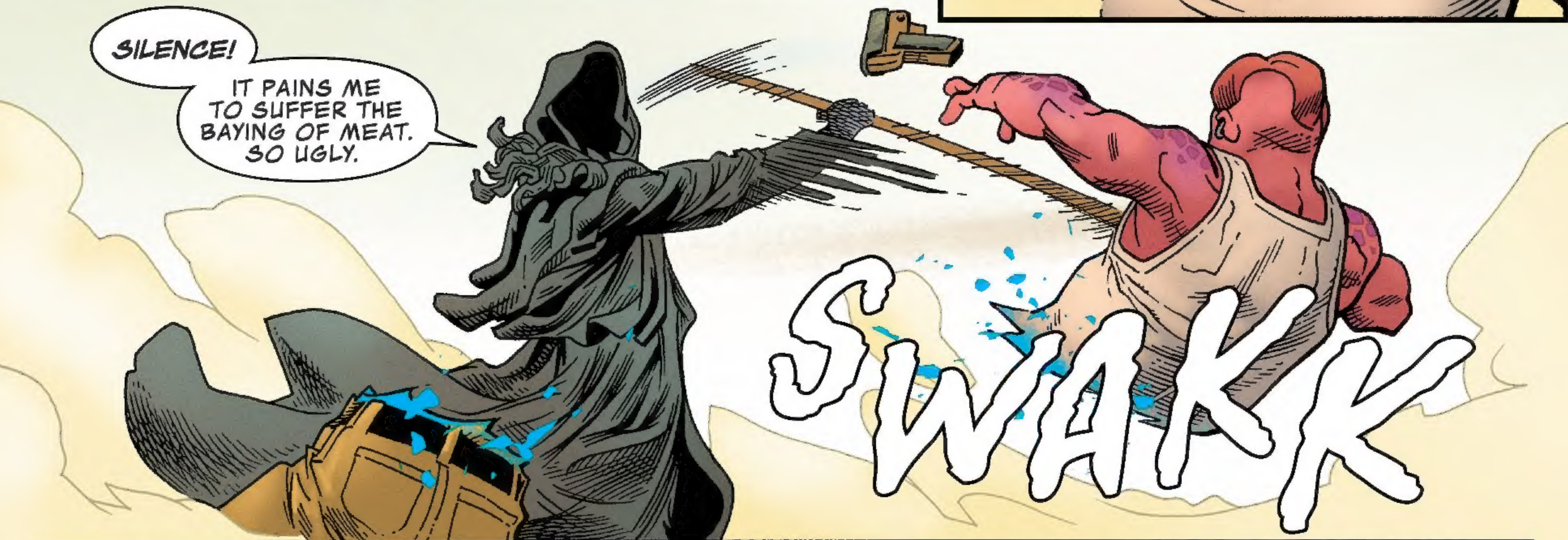
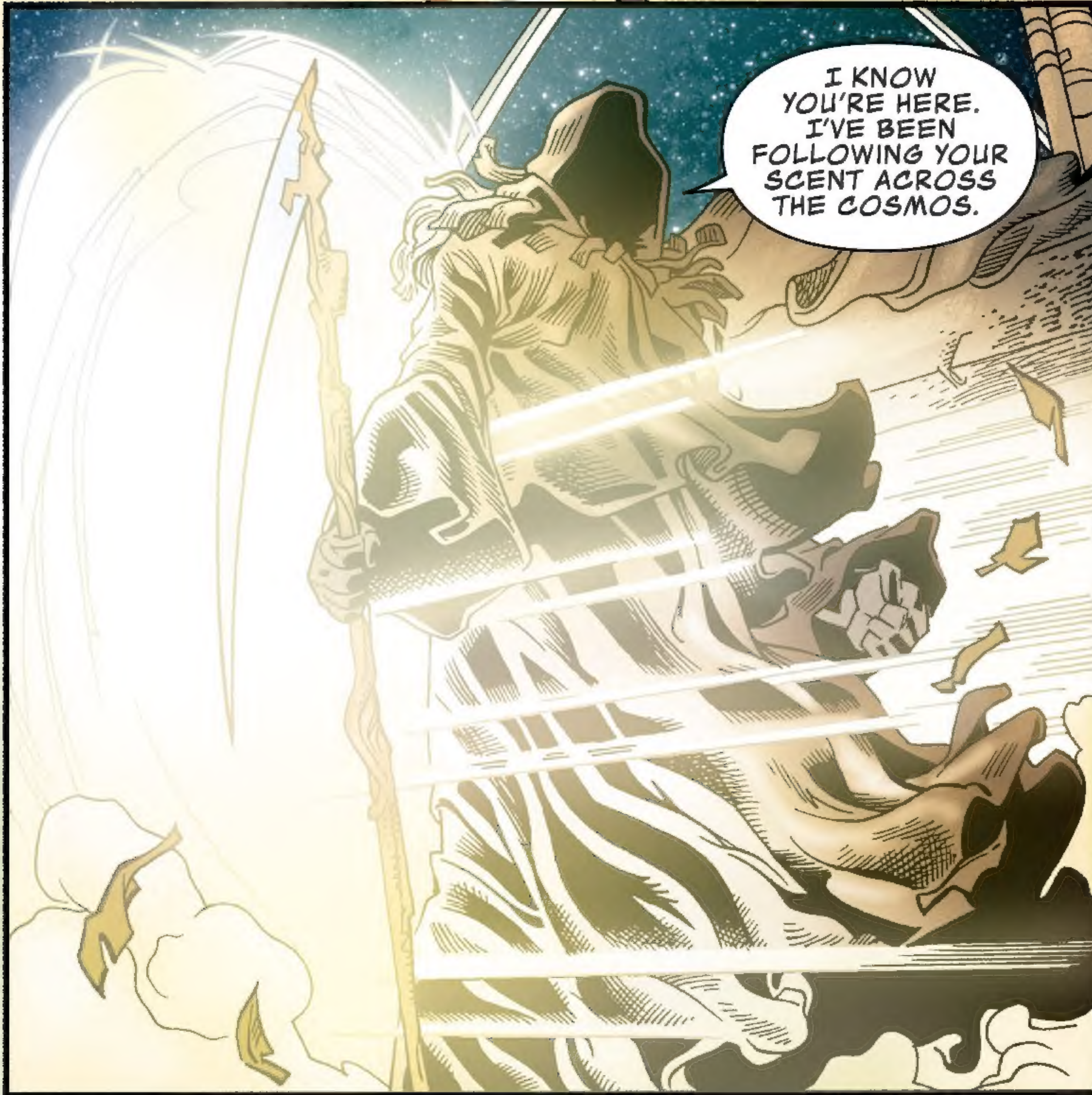


I AM GROOT?

YEAH, I FEEL IT TOO. PRESSURE'S CHANGING. SOMEBODY'S TELEPORTING IN.

YOU AIN'T SETTING ME UP, ARE YOU?

NEVER!





YEAH, YOU FOUND ME--I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DID TO PISS YOU OFF, AND I DON'T CARE.

FWARK

NOW @#\$% OFF!

I AM GROOT!

WHAT GOOD IS HAVING A THIEF'S **SIXTH SENSE** IF YOU DON'T LISTEN TO IT UNTIL AN OLD DUDE DRESSED AS DEATH SHOWS UP?



HEH.

I'M SO STUPID.



ARE YOU A PARASITE LIVING OFF THE FLORA COLOSSUS?

EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED THAT DAY...



...WHAT HAPPENED TO GROOT--IT'S ALL MY FAULT.

NO MATTER. I WILL HAVE WHAT I CAME FOR.



I AM GROOT!

THWAKK

I AM GROOT!



YOU HURT MY PAL--I KILL YOU!



BEGONE, RODENTIA!

SLASSK

UGHNI!



NOW, MY FRIEND.

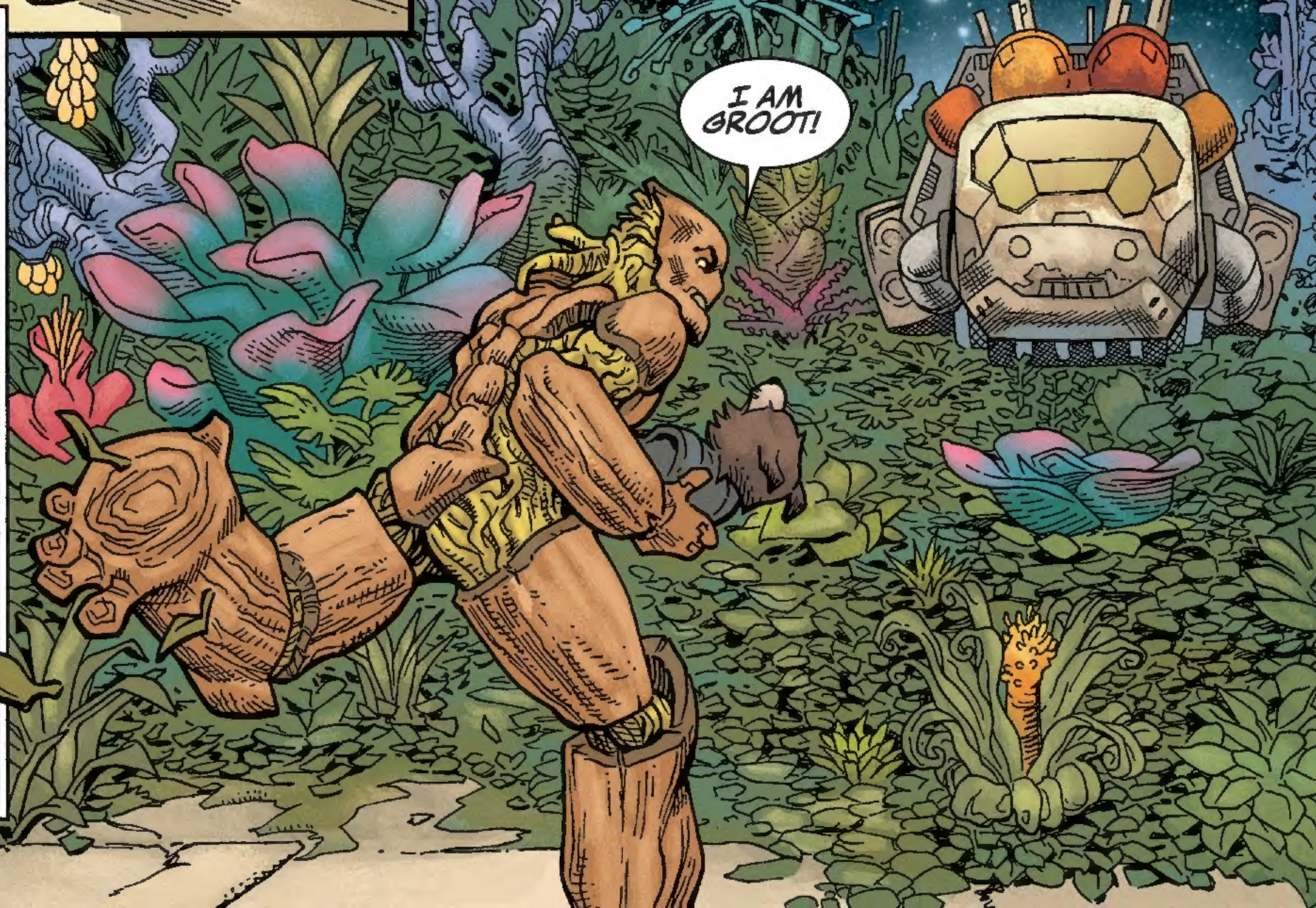
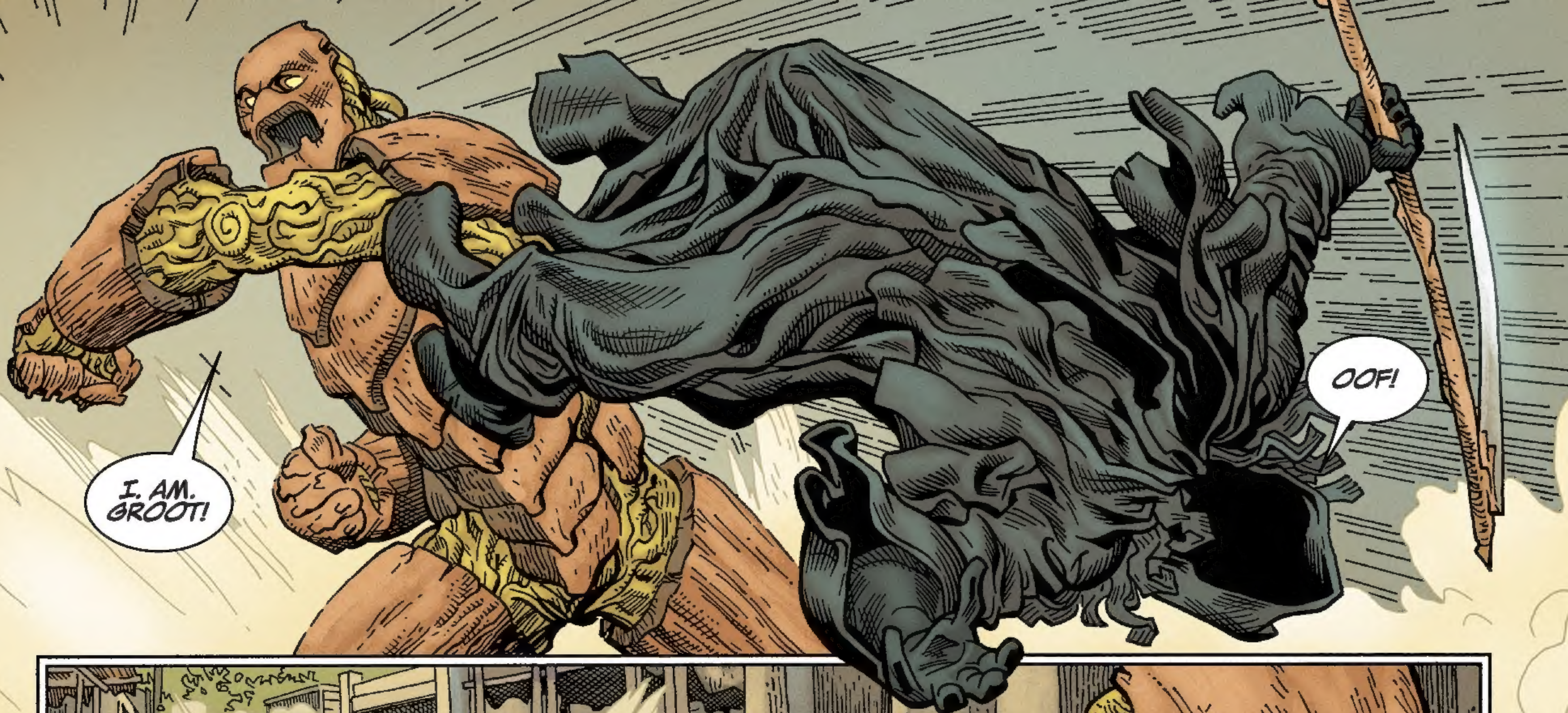
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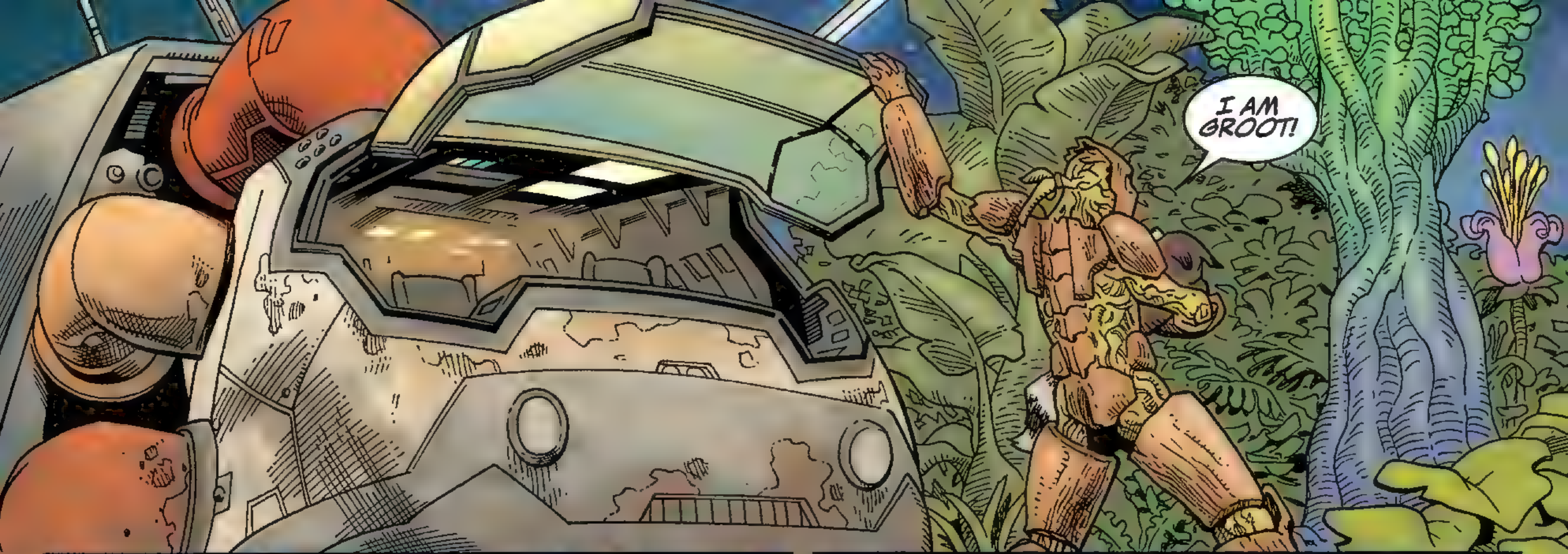
SOOO... THE NEXT BIT IS HAZY, OF COURSE.



DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU WERE MADE FOR?

ZZZZZZZZZZZZ.





I AM GROOT!



I AM GROOT!

OOWWW.



I AM GROOT! I AM GROOT!



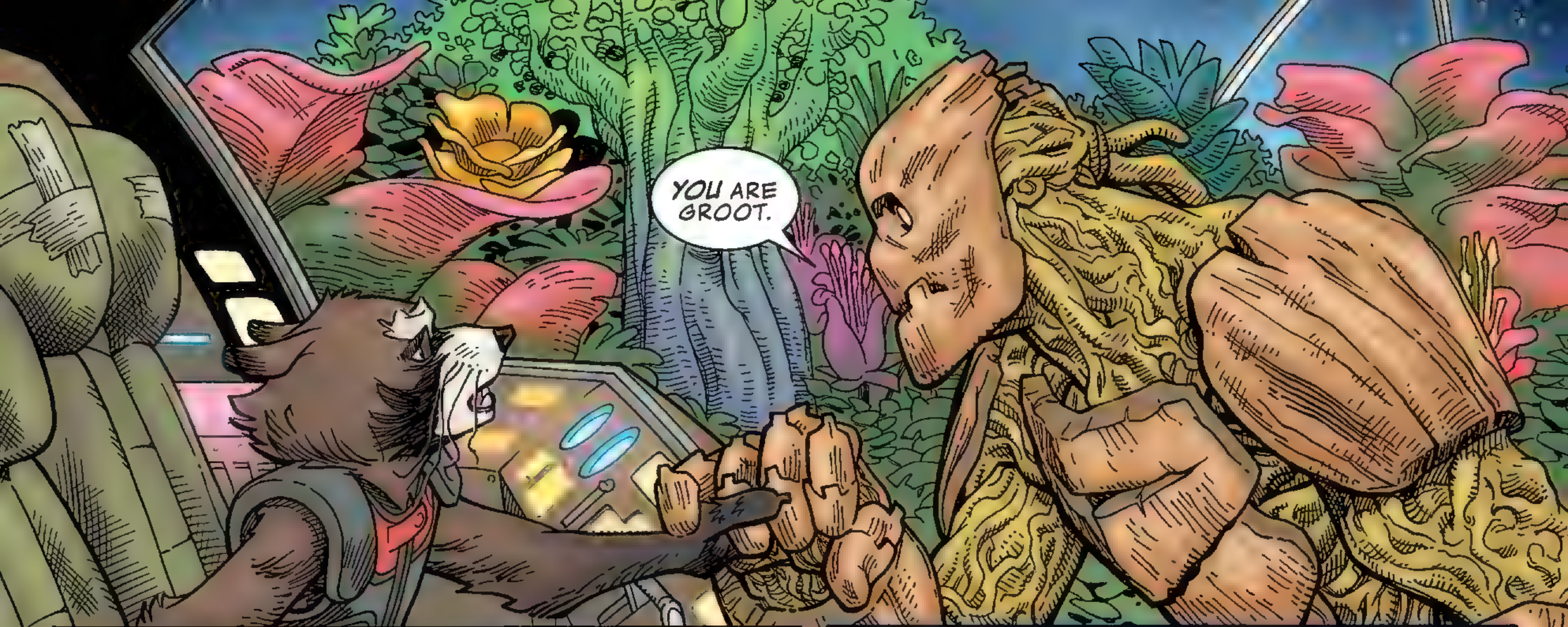
I AM GROOT.

BUT I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.

EH?

GROOT?
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THAT GUY THAT
SUCKERED US?





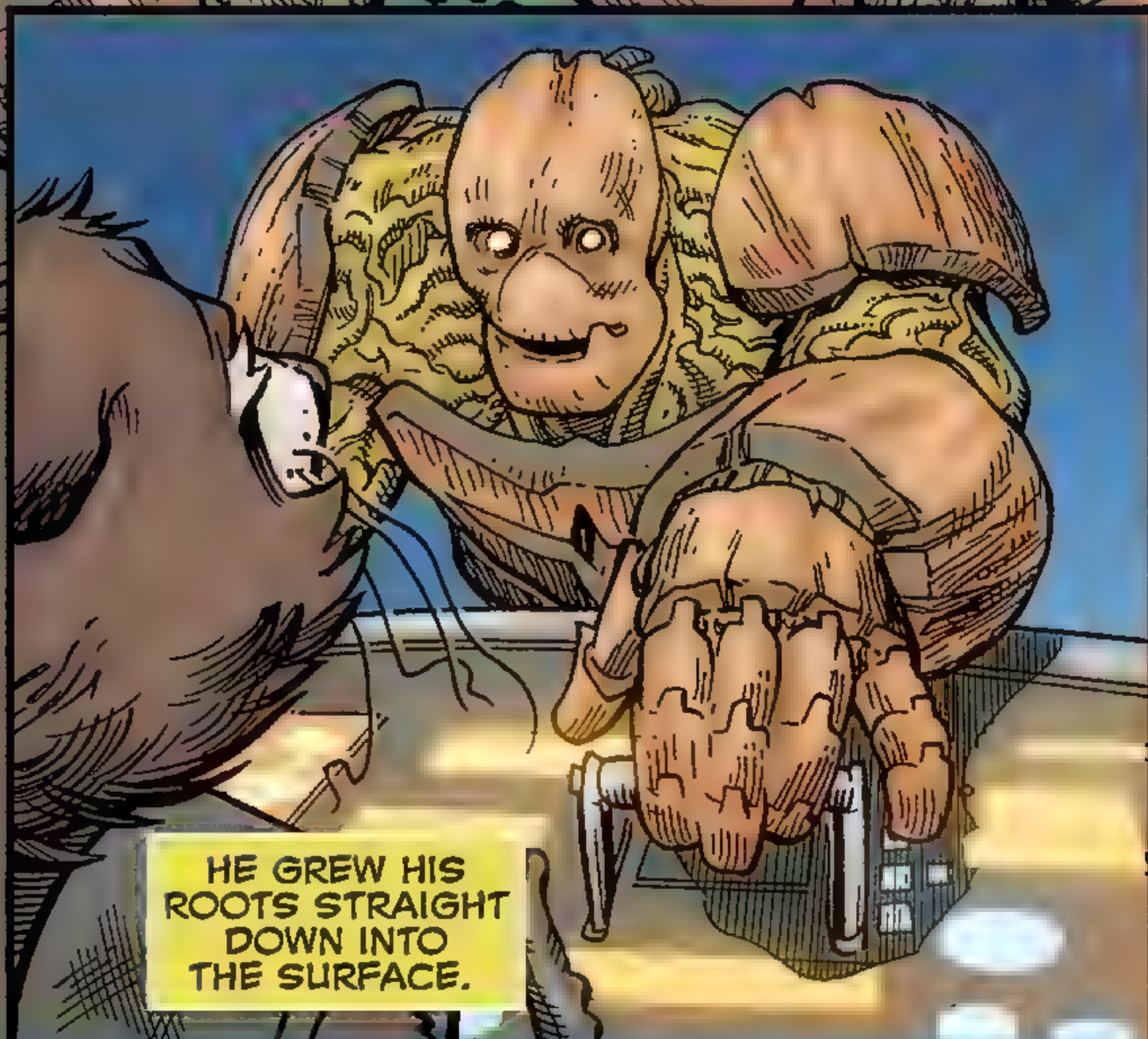
YOU ARE GROOT.



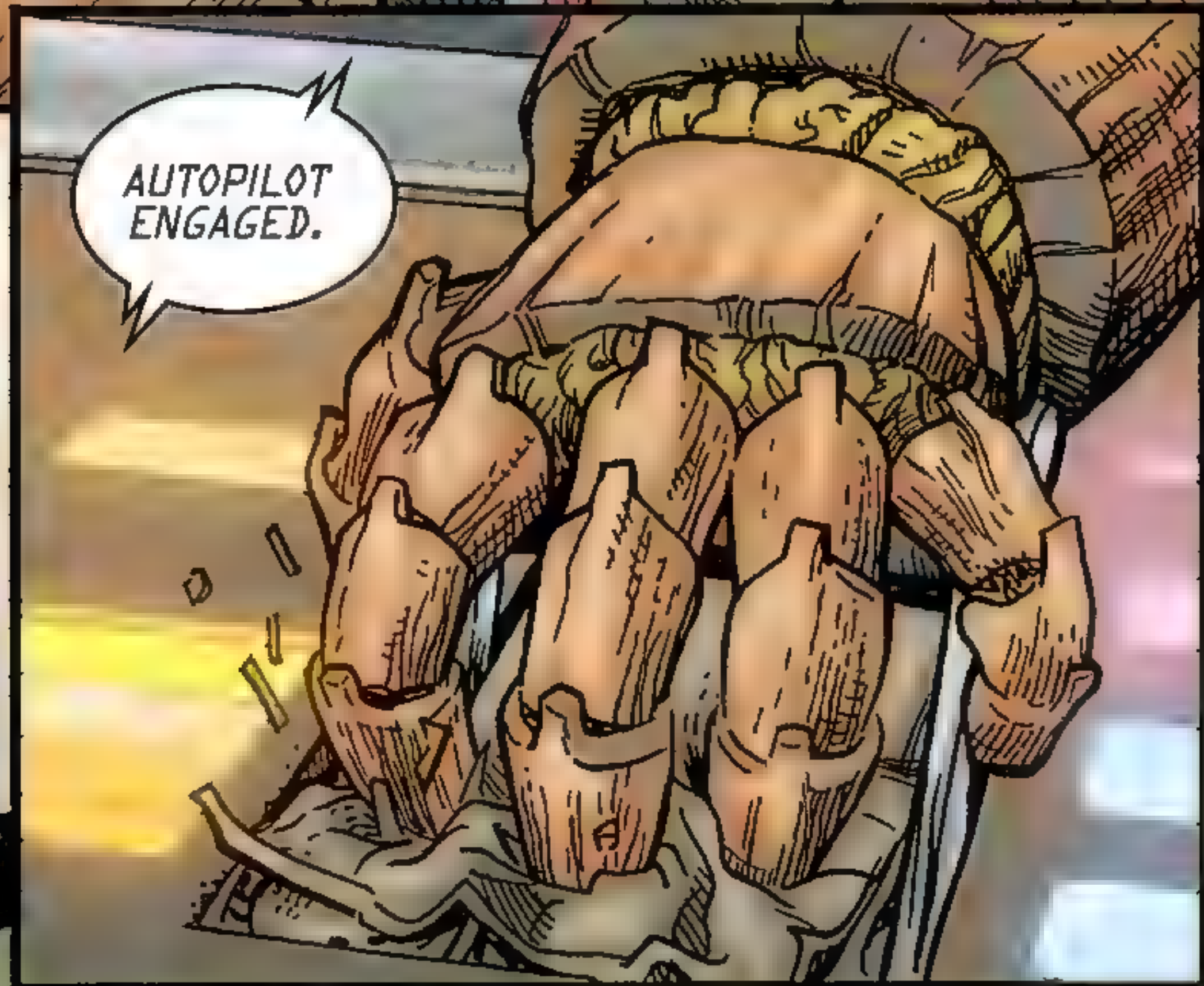
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'?!
GET IN!

THAT'S WHEN I
REALIZED--HE
COULDN'T MOVE.

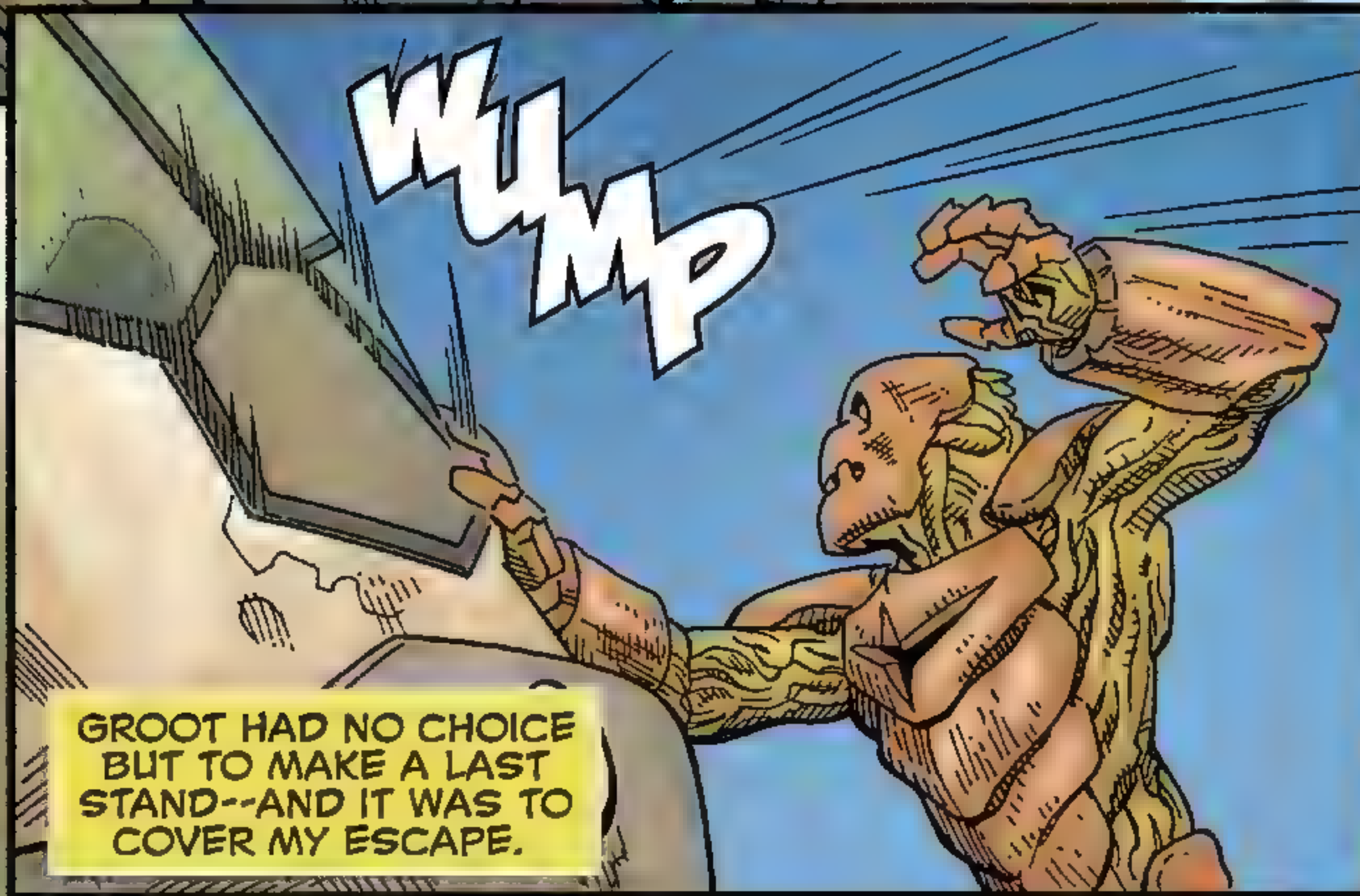
WHOEVER WAS
ATTACKIN' US
HAD GROOT'S
NUMBER.



HE GREW HIS
ROOTS STRAIGHT
DOWN INTO
THE SURFACE.



AUTOPILOT
ENGAGED.



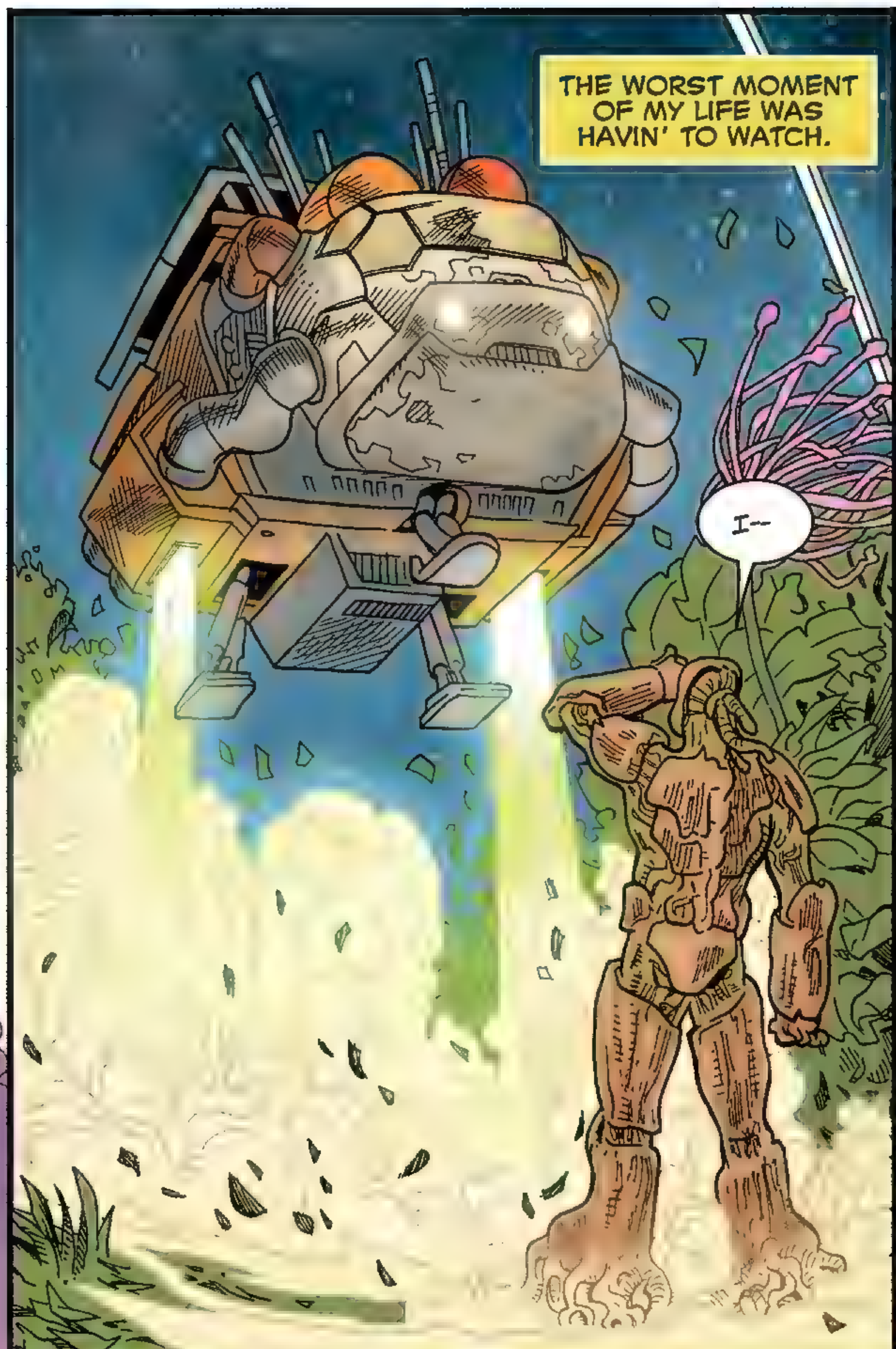
WUMP

GROOT HAD NO CHOICE
BUT TO MAKE A LAST
STAND--AND IT WAS TO
COVER MY ESCAPE.



NO!!!

GROOT!
COME WITH
ME!!!



THE WORST MOMENT
OF MY LIFE WAS
HAVIN' TO WATCH.

I--



LOOKING DOWN
AND SEEIN' MY
FRIEND ABOUT
TO DIE--AND
SMILING--



NO,
PLEASE.

--'CAUSE I
GOT AWAY.



!GASP!

SPLAKK



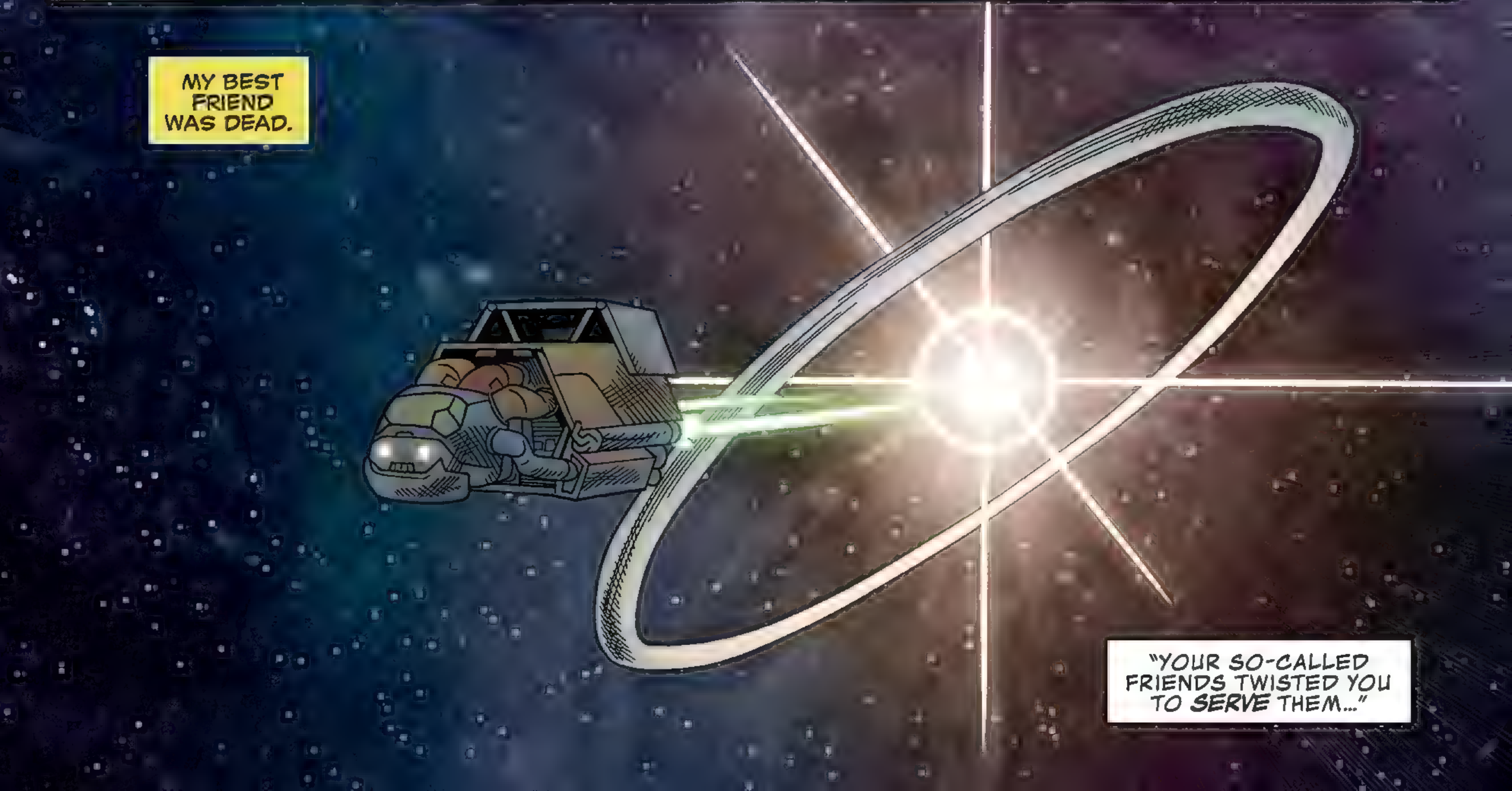
NO,
GROOT!!!

NO!!!

AUGH
HUH-HUH.

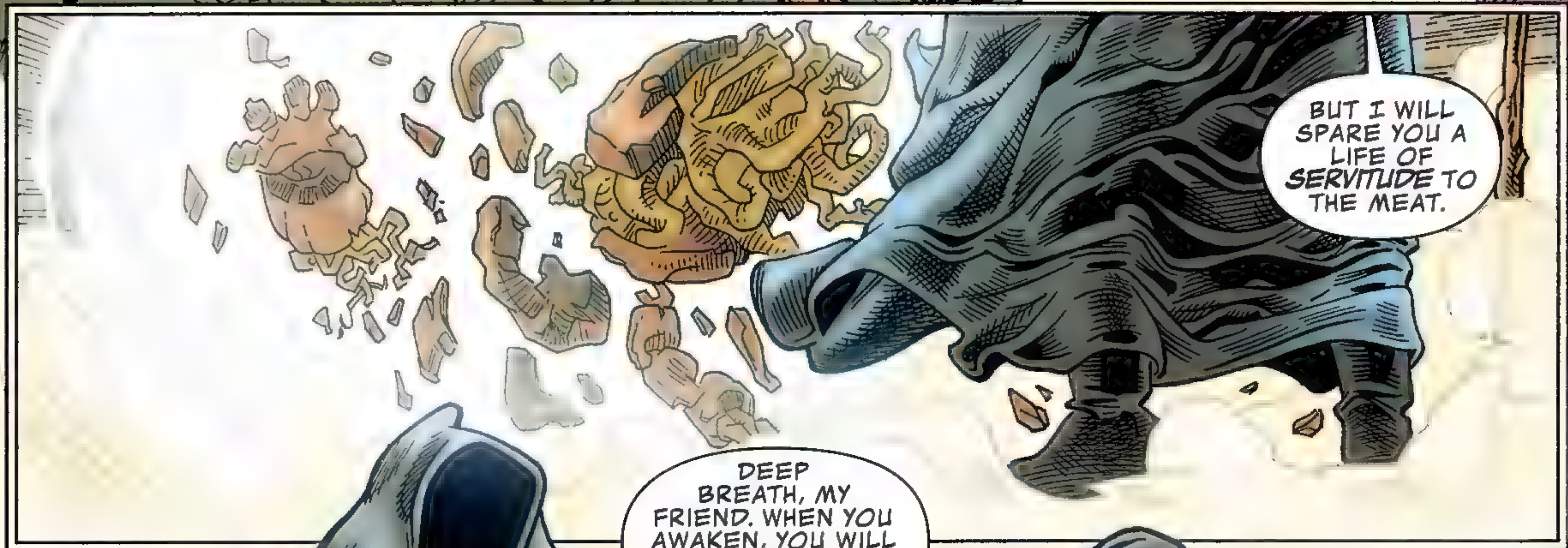


IT'LL ALWAYS
BE THE LOWEST
MOMENT
OF MY LIFE.



MY BEST
FRIEND
WAS DEAD.

"YOUR SO-CALLED
FRIENDS TWISTED YOU
TO *SERVE* THEM..."



FOR I AM
THE GARDENER,
AND I HAVE MANY
PLOTS THAT MUST
BE RECLAIMED.

AND YOU
WERE BORN TO
DESTROY. I'M GOING
TO CORRECT THE
DAMAGE THAT HAS
BEEN DONE TO YOU
BY THOSE WHO
TOOK YOU
CAPTIVE.

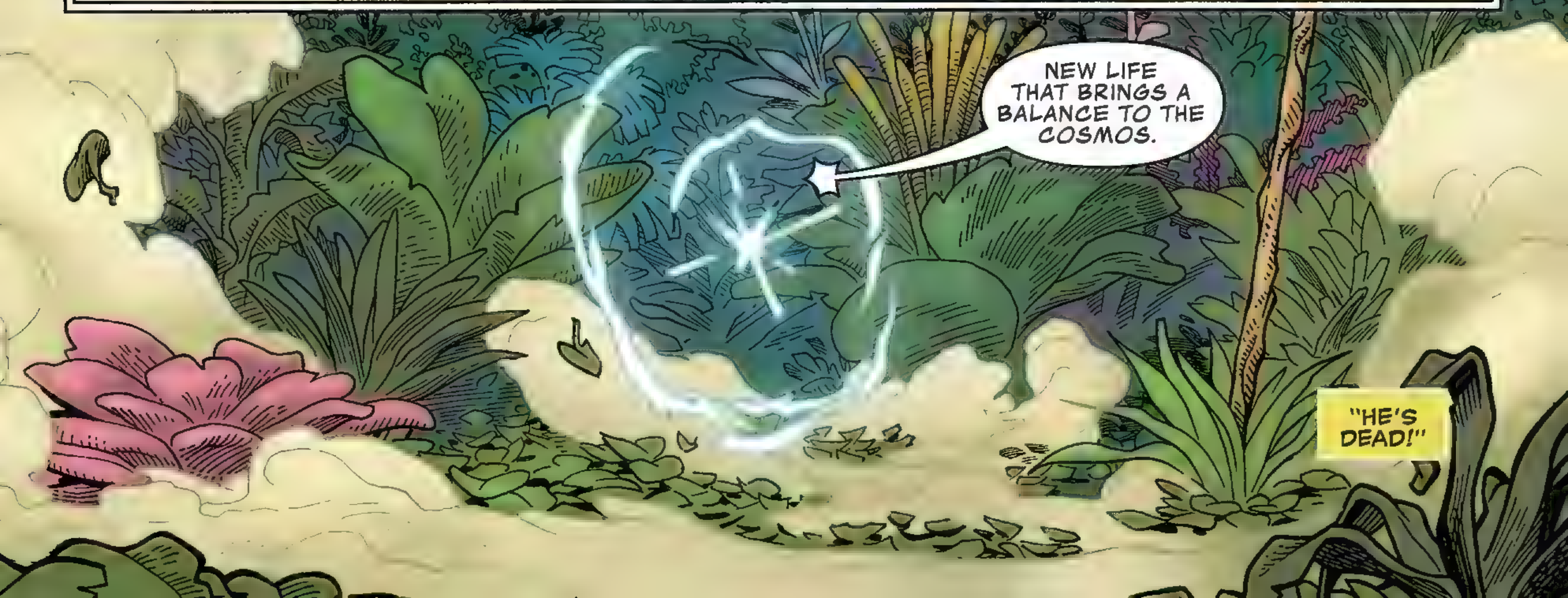




I HONOR
YOUR **SACRIFICE**,
FLORA COLOSSUS.



THIS ISN'T
A DEATH, BUT A
REBIRTH. FROM YOUR
REMAINS, NEW LIFE
WILL GROW. AS IT
ALWAYS HAS.



NEW LIFE
THAT BRINGS A
BALANCE TO THE
COSMOS.

"HE'S
DEAD!"

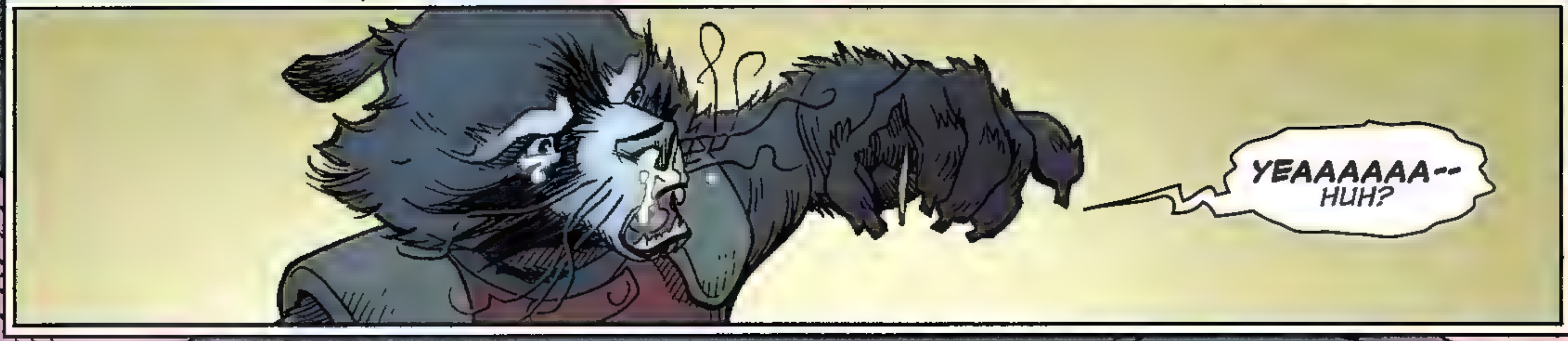


IT'S ALL MY
FAULT!
YEAARGH!



≡HUFF≡

WHOOO

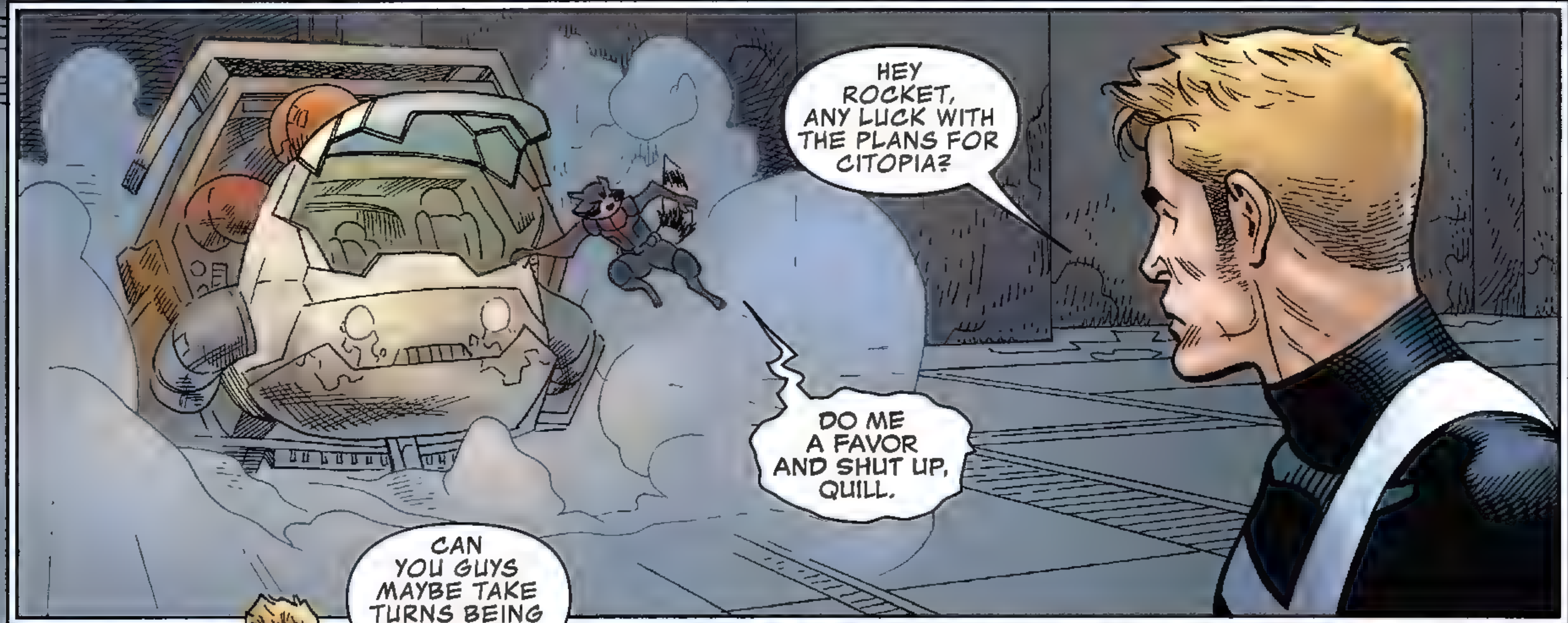
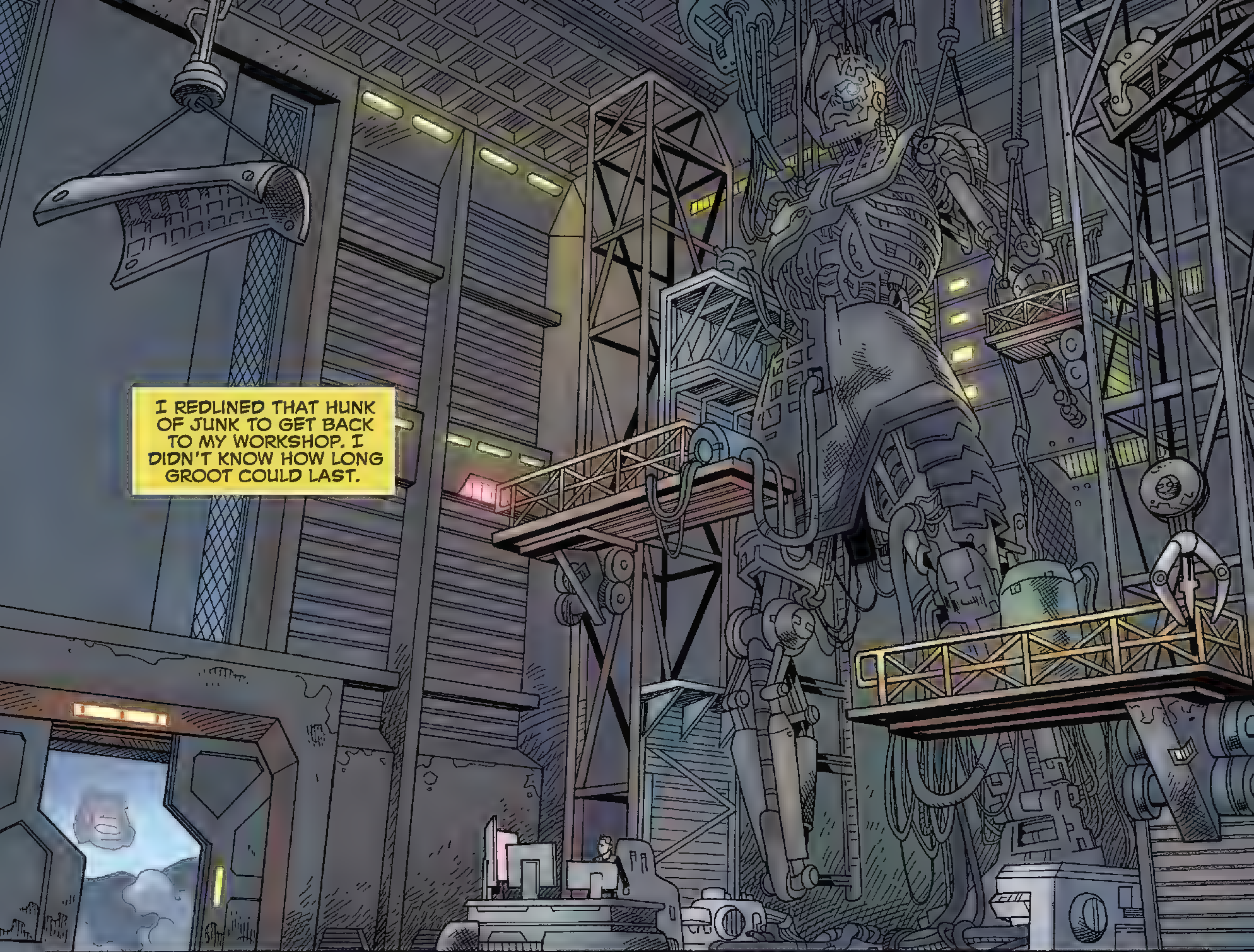


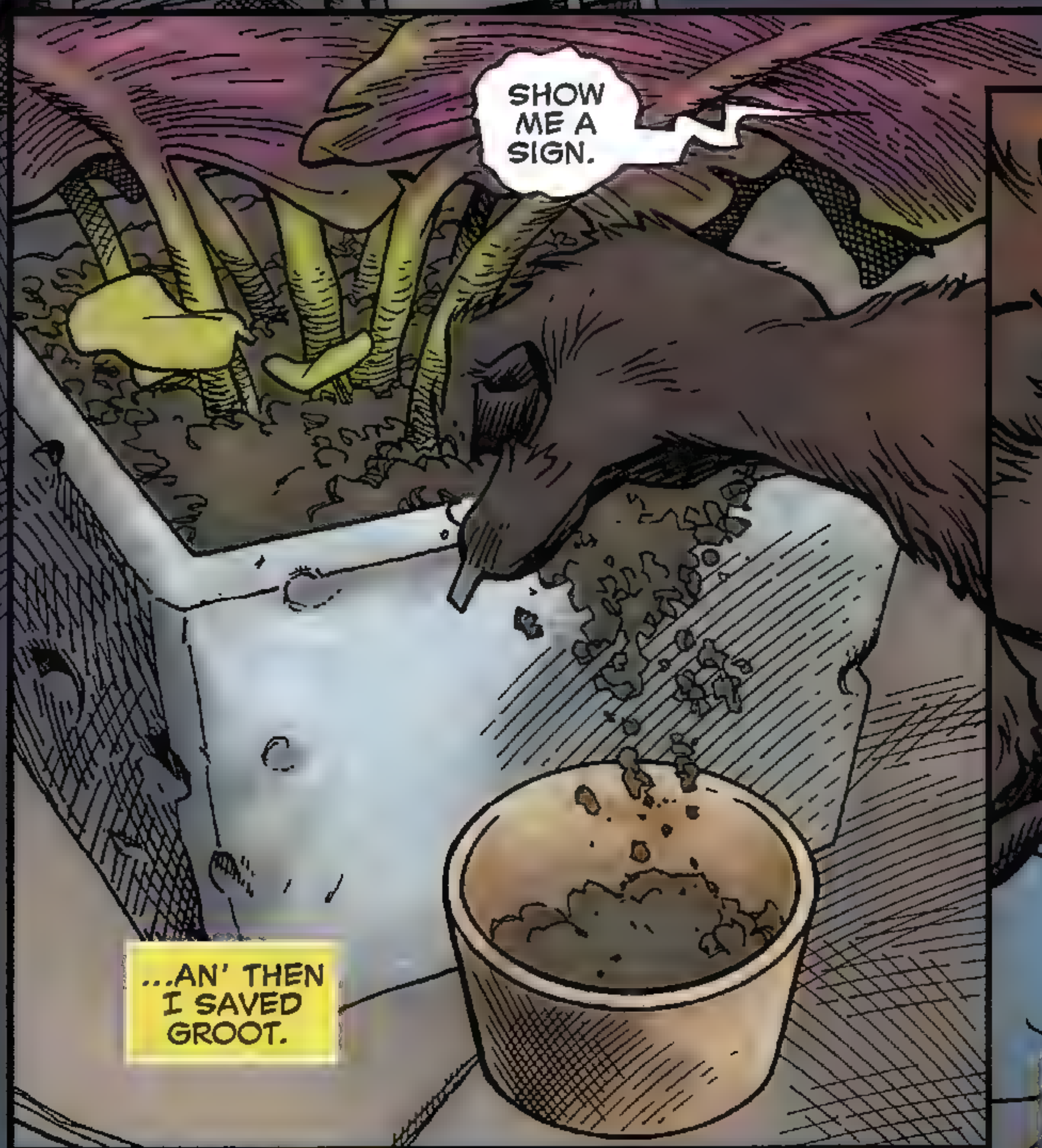
**YEAAAAAA--
HUH?**

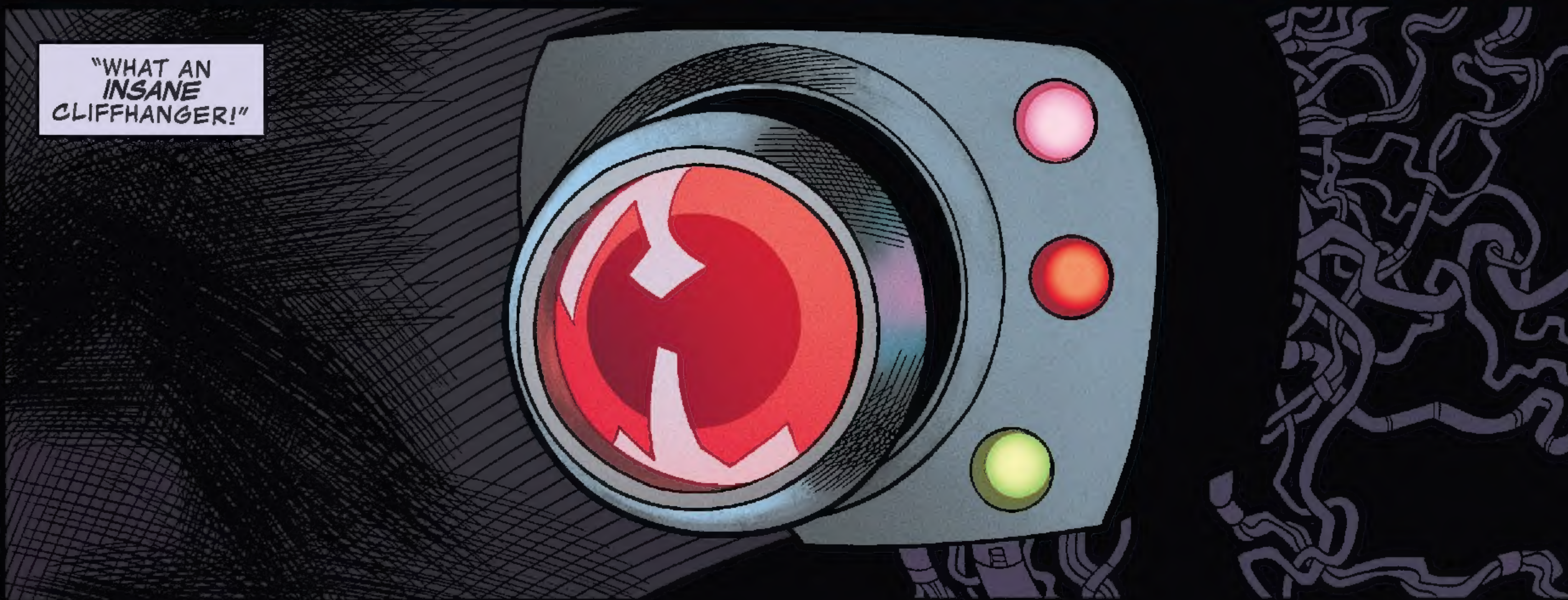
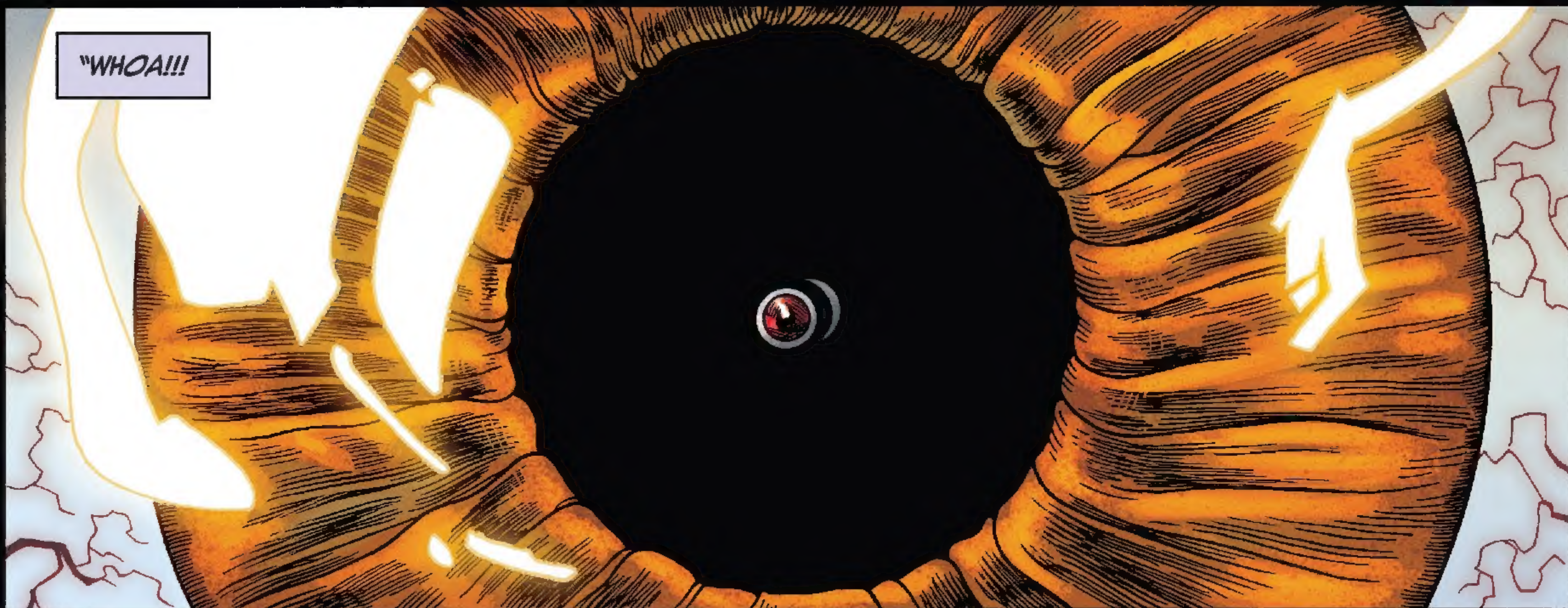
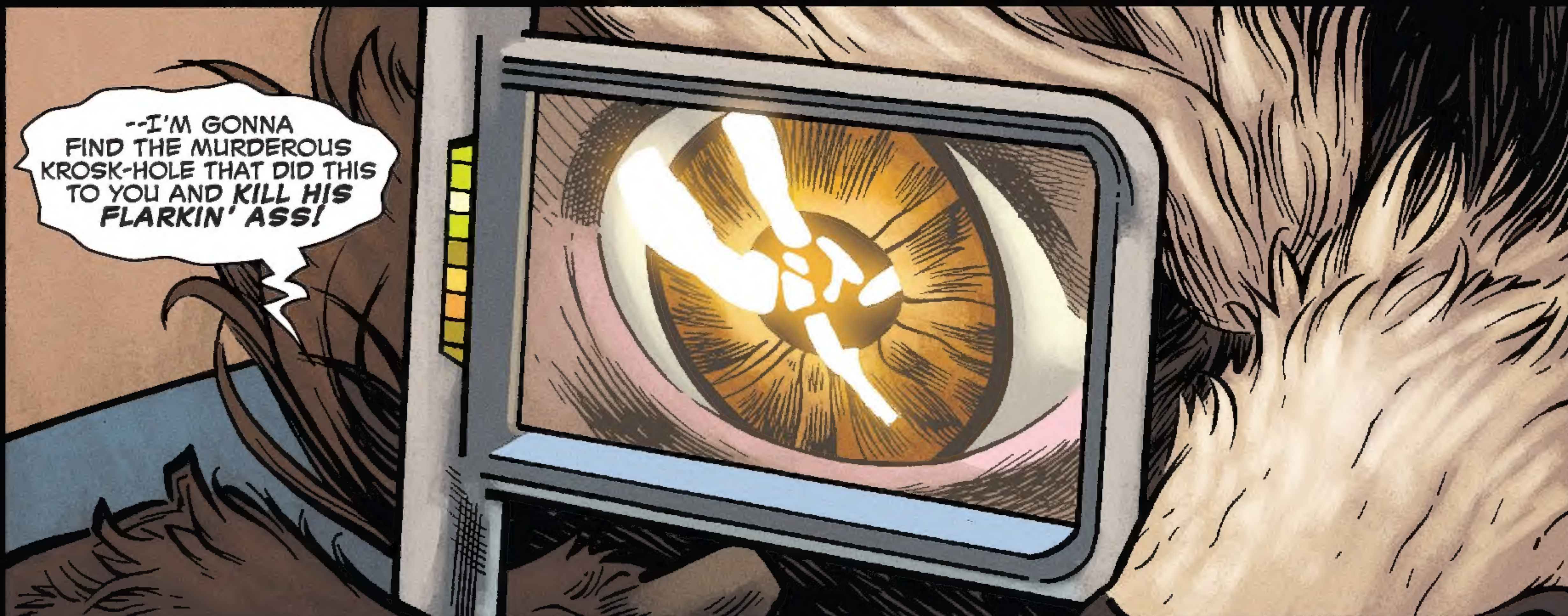


GROOT?
YOU
SNEAKING
SONOFAGUN.

I SHOULDA
KNOWN HE HAD
A PLAN.





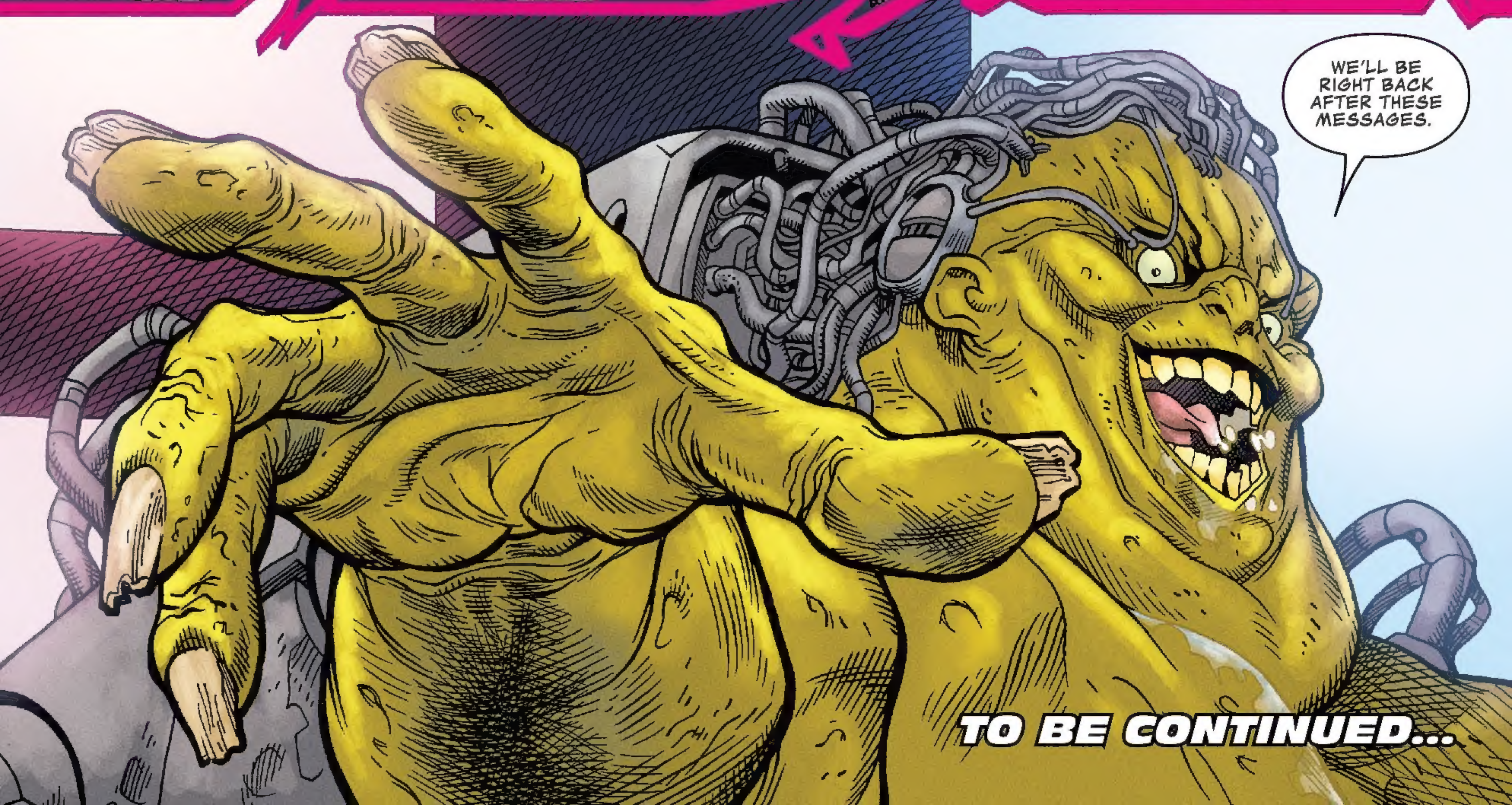




I BET THIS
GROOT PLOT
POINT IS GONNA
COME BACK
AROUND,
RIGHT?

YOU JUST
WATCHED MOJO-
VERSE'S HOTTEST
SHOW, NOW STICK
AROUND FOR
TALKING
ROCKET.

THOUGHTGRAM
TO US AND YOUR
COMMENTS MAY BE
BROADCAST ON THIS
EVENING'S
POST-ROCKET
LAUNCH!



WE'LL BE
RIGHT BACK
AFTER THESE
MESSAGES.

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